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DALLAS, TEX., NOV. 21 (AP)-A DALLAS RABBI, DR. LEVI OLAN, TOLD HIS CONGREGATION LAST NIGHT THAT DALLAS IS TRYING TO CHANGE ITS IMAGE BEFORE THE WORLD BUT "NOT TO CHANGE THE CITY."

THE RABBI MADE HIS REMARKS IN SERMON DELIVERED AS A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS KILLED, HE SAID, DALLAS "HAD BEEN INHOSPITABLE TO PUBLIC DEBATE."

DR. OLAN, SPEAKING AT TEMPLE EMANU-EL, SAID THE SPOTLIGHT AGAIN HAS BEEN TURNED ON DALLAS BY OUTSIDERS. ACCUSATIONS AGAINST DALLAS "ARE TO BE UNDERSTOOD (BY DALLAS RESIDENTS) AS EXPRESSIONS OF BITTERNESS OF SPIRIT OVER THE TRAGEDY RATHER THAN A REPORT OF A FACT."

AS THE WORLD GAZED ON DALLAS, THE RABBI CONTINUED, "EVERY FLAW, EVERY RAW SPOT, EVERY WRINKLE AND EVERY UNCLEANNESS WAS PUT UNDER A MICROSCOPE AND SHOWN TO THE WORLD.

"IN A CITY WHERE SOME OF THE LARGEST CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES IN THE WORLD ARE ACTIVE, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THEY WERE NOT CONCERNED WITH SLUMS, POVERTY, HATRED OR ETHICAL STANDARDS.

"THE PEOPLE COMPLAINED," HE CONTINUED, "THAT EVEN IF ALL OF THIS IS TRUE, WE ARE NO WORSE THAN MANY CITIES IN THE NATION. THAT MAY BE TRUE, BUT THE TRAGEDY HAPPENED IN OUR CITY AND THE WORLD'S SEARCHLIGHT WAS ON US."

"WHAT IS THE CITY LIKE TODAY?" HE ASKED AND ANSWERED:

"THERE SEEMS TO BE AN INTENSE CONCERN WITH THE UNFORTUNATE IMAGE OF THE CITY WHICH THE TRAGEDY PROJECTED ON THE WORLD SCREEN. SO FAR, THE EFFORT HAS BEEN TO CHANGE THE IMAGE -- NOT TO CHANGE THE CITY."

HE CLOSED THE ADDRESS ASKING THE CONGREGATION TO REMEMBER "THAT A NATION TO BE STRONG MUST BE CLEANSED OF THE POISON OF HATE . . . THAT THE CITY CHOSEN BY DESTINY FOR THE TRAGIC DRAMA OF OUR TIME CAN BECOME A CITY OF TRUTH, GOODNESS AND BEAUTY."

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